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Subject: RE: Bayou Corne Closure
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I did not get close enough to it to give much of an opinion. Kinda walked down the board road a little bit, but couldn't really see much of anything from there. Just spoke to Jeff Wright, and he said the same thing. Most of what we could see was brown dead vegetation on the surface of the water, maybe some organic material mixed in. However, everything that we did see looked like weathered petroleum product. Coulda been diesel. If not, then something similar. We certainly did not see anything that we would describe as black and tarry.

Again, this is just looking from the edge of the drill pad, and a little ways out onto the road that they built for oil spill response. We never went on a boat ride out there. In fact, I never saw anybody out there on a boat, except for the airboat that they used to service the areaRAEs. And that airboat circumnavigated the sink hole. Any oil spill response was done during the day, a couple days a week, when LDEQ was on duty.

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Susan Webster and others from EPA are there today, as well as meeting with LDEQ. I suspect that they will come up with some huge mission for us, like taking the temperature of the gators affected by the sinkhole. So, I may know more tomorrow about what is going on.

The big 'hair-on-fire' thing today is the material that is floating on the water. They describe it as black and tarry, rather than weather diesel. How would you describe it?

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Greg,

We're working on the report to close out Bayou Corne and wanted to see if it was going to close on schedule or if you wanted to leave it open for any possible involvement in the future. Heard through the grape vine that Shaw is working for LDNR and will be collecting soil samples from residential and surrounding properties using a geoprobe. I have no clue as to the reason why, but they are expecting to collect a significant number of samples.

David



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